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THE EFFECT OF SMALL DOSES OF PLASMOCHIN ON THE VIABILITY OF GAMETOCYTES OF MALARIA AS MEASURED BY MOSQUITO INFECTION EXPERIMENTS

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The observations and experiments reported upon in this paper were made during the winters of 1928 and 1929 in the Panama Division of the United Fruit Co., under the auspices of the Medical Department of the company, Dr. W. E. Deeks, director.

Investigators have generally agreed that plasmochin has a selective action on the gametocytes of malaria. On crescents especially the destructive action of plasmochin has proved to be decidedly more effective than that of any other drug. The result of plasmochin treatment has usually been measured by the time required to free the peripheral blood from crescents. The object of the present work has been to determine by mosquito-feeding experiments the effect of small doses of plasmochin on the viability of gametocytes. Our cases, with one or two exceptions, have had to do with crescent carriers.

We began this work in February, 1928 (1). The experiments of that year are summarized and included in this paper in order to bring all the material together.

A. albimanus was used as the test mosquito in all experiments because of its susceptibility to malaria parasites and its eagerness to bite man. In all of the experiments of 1929 we used only mosquitoes bred in the laboratory. In two cases of the 1928 experiments all or part of the mosquitoes were caught in the adult stage. All proved to be negative, and so no error was introduced through infections contracted previous to use in these experiments.

We fed mosquitoes only once on a given carrier and dissected only mosquitoes known to have taken blood. We included in the records

only dissections made approximately 3 days after feeding, in order to allow sufficient time for the growth of oöcysts easily discernible under the microscope. We often used the oil-immersion lens for the examination of mid-guts on which oöcysts were likely to be small.

The mosquitoes were kept at the room temperature obtaining in the Tropics at sea level. A daily record was kept of the temperature of the compartment containing the mosquito cages. This temperature varied from a minimum of 66° F. at 8 a. m. to 85° F. at mid-day, but nearly all of the readings fell between 70° and 83° F.

The gametocytes were counted in the blood films taken at the time of the mosquito feedings. We usually estimated the number of gametocytes in terms of the number per 1,000 leucocytes, and in all crescent cases at least 1,000 leucocytes were counted. We appreciate, of course, the error in measuring one variable by another, but our object was merely to get comparative readings, and it was unlikely that the leucocyte count of a patient varied materially during a given experiment. In some cases we also determined the number of gametocytes per cubic millimeter of blood.

In all of the 1929 series the doses of plasmochin or quinine were administered by ourselves or in the company hospital under medical supervision. Some exceptions in the 1928 series are noted in the text.

CASE NO. 1

Two days' treatment with quinine, totalling 40 grains, or 260 cg., had no appreciable effect on mosquito infection; all of the 5 *albimanus* fed on the carrier became infected. But 24½ hours after the first dose of plasmochin and 17½ hours after the second no infections occurred, although the number of crescents had remained constant or had slightly increased. We obtained no infections during two more daily feedings, making in all three negative feedings, in every case with considerable numbers of mosquitoes and a fairly high percentage of gametocytes.

Crescents in thin films taken from the patient at the time of the second feeding, January 6, and kept moist, and in thick films, assumed the rounded form characteristic of living gametocytes. No rings were present after January 5.

Case No. 1

Subject: Malaquias Carbojal. Entered hospital Jan. 3, 1929, at 1 p. m.
Race: White (Costa Rican). Diagnosis: Estivo-autumnal malaria. Case No. 24082.
Age: 24. Weight, 104 pounds (47.2 kgs.).

Date (1929)	Day	Treatment			Hour mosqui- toes fed	Cres- cents per 1,000 leu- co- cytes	Results of mosquito dissec- tions			
		Plasmo- chin	Quinine sulphate	When given			Num- ber dis- sected	Num- ber posi- tive	Per cent of mos- quitoes infected	Aver- age num- ber of oöcysts per positive gut
Jan. 3	First....	None....	10 grains (65 cg.)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Jan. 4	Second....	None....	30 grains (195 cg.)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Jan. 5	Third....	2 cg.	13¾ grains (86 cg.)	8.30 a. m.	10 a. m.	97	5	5	100.0	16
		2 cg.	8¾ grains (56 cg.)	5 p. m.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Jan. 6	Fourth...	None...	10 grains (65 cg.)	8.30 a. m.	10.30 a. m.	100	17	0	0.0	0
Jan. 7	Fifth....	None....	10 grains (65 cg.)	12 m.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
			10 grains (65 cg.)	5 p. m.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
			10 grains (65 cg.)	8.30 a. m.	9 a. m.	51	16	0	0.0	0
Jan. 8	Sixth....	None...	10 grains (65 cg.)	12 m.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
			10 grains (65 cg.)	5 p. m.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Jan. 8	Sixth....	None...	10 grains (65 cg.)	8.30 a. m.	8.30 a. m.	11	13	0	0.0	0

NOTE 1.—The total amount of plasmochin, 4 cg., given on Jan. 5 is at the rate of 1.69 milligrams per kilo-gram of body weight.

NOTE 2.—On Nov. 27, 1928, same patient was admitted to the hospital with estivo-autumnal malaria (case No. 23892). He received plasmochin compound, No. II, b. i. d. for 12 days, a total of 48 cg. plasmochin and 90 grains quinine sulphate, and was discharged with negative blood.

CASE NO. 2

Three feedings on three successive days before plasmochin treatment gave an increasing percentage of positive mid-guts; but only 11½ hours after the first dose of plasmochin (1.5 cg.) mosquitoes became negative and remained so during three successive days, no further plasmochin being administered. The numbers of crescents diminished somewhat, but on February 13 they were still present at the rate of 192 per cubic millimeter of blood.

We made a careful comparison in thin films of the morphology of crescents taken on February 9 before any sort of treatment had been given, with that found after treatment with plasmochin; the post-plasmochin specimens included films taken on February 12, when crescents first failed to infect mosquitoes, and those taken on February 13, 34½ hours after the plasmochin dose. In the comparison we looked for any evidence of degeneration—faintness of staining, irregularity in the outline of crescents, vacuolization of the cytoplasm, granulation of the chromatin, or displacement of the pigment. Changes, apparently degenerative, appeared in the postplasmochin crescents; but these could be matched by similar changes in the crescents taken before any treatment. We detected only one measurable difference: In the postplasmochin films a slightly larger

percentage of crescents exhibited fainter staining than in the control. These comparisons were made by two observers working independently (in one set the observer was not informed as to the source of the films he was examining until after he had made his notes).

The proportion of sexes among gametocytes taken before and after plasmochin varied little, if at all, and we could see no evidence that one sex had been affected by plasmochin more than the other. Crescents in the shed blood assumed rounded forms after plasmochin dosage as well as before it; and in this patient, as in case No. 1, it was evident that at least a part of the crescents were living at a time when they failed to infect mosquitoes.

Case No. 2

Subject: Daniel Caldera. Outpatient, discovered in Chiriquito malaria survey.
Race: Mixed Negro and Spanish (Panamanian). Diagnosis: Estivo-autumnal malaria.
Age: 3. Weight, 38½ pounds (17.5 kg.).

Date (1929)	Day	Treatment			Hour mosquitoes led	Crescents per 1,000 leucocytes	Crescents per cubic millimeter of blood	Results of mosquito dissections			
		Plasmochin	Quinine sulphate	When given				Number dissected	Number positive	Per cent of mosquitoes positive	Average number of oöcysts
Feb. 9	First	None	None		6.30 p. m.	55		6	1	16.6	3
Feb. 10	Second	None	5 grains (32.5 cg.)	9.30 p. m.	7.30 p. m.	48		17	11	64.7	3.5
Feb. 11	Third	None	5 grains (32.5 cg.)	8 a. m.							
			5 grains (32.5 cg.)	4 p. m.	7.30 p. m.	55		6	4	66.6	4
Feb. 12	Fourth	1.5 cg.	5 grains (32.5 cg.)	8 a. m.	7.30 p. m.	36		16	0	0.0	
Feb. 13	Fifth	None	5 grains (32.5 cg.)	a. m.	6.30 p. m.	24	192	17	0	0.0	
			5 grains (32.5 cg.)	p. m.							
Feb. 14	Sixth	None	5 grains (32.5 cg.)	a. m.	7 p. m.	3		16	0	0.0	
			5 grains (32.5 cg.)	p. m.							
Feb. 15	Seventh	None	5 grains (32.5 cg.)	a. m.	7 p. m.	2		8	0	0.0	

NOTE.—The single dose of plasmochin given on February 12 equals 0.859 milligrams per kilogram of body weight.

CASE NO. 3

No mosquitoes became infected in feedings made about 24 hours after a single dose of ½ cg. plasmochin, although the number of crescents had materially increased. We observed exflagellation of male crescents with the formation of microgametes in blood taken on the day after plasmochin treatment. The blood was taken from mosquitoes which had engorged themselves on the carrier. Within a few minutes after feeding, the blood was removed from the mosquitoes, spread thinly on a slide, and stained with Giemsa. Exflagellation was demonstrated by this method in blood taken at two different

times during the day—the first, 24 hours after the plasmochin dose (a time when subsequent dissections indicated that the gametocytes had lost their power of infecting mosquitoes), and the second, about 2½ hours later.

This carrier was obtained at the very end of our tour and it was impossible to use him for further feedings.

Case No. 3

Subject: Allan Hamilton. Hospital patient.
Race: West Indian negro. Diagnosis: Estivo-autumnal malaria.
Age: 11. Weight 59 pounds (26.9 kg.).

Date (1929)	Day	Treatment			Hour mosquitoes fed	Crescents per 1,000 leucocytes	Crescents per cubic millimeter of blood	Results of mosquito dissections			
		Plasmochin	Quinine sulphate	When given				Number dissected	Number positive	Per cent of mosquitoes infected	Average number of oöcysts
Feb. 26	First.....	0.5 cg....	None....	1.30 p. m.	1.15 p. m.	26	130	14	4	28.6	10
Feb. 27	Second....	None....	None....	-----	12.30 p. m.	37	-----	13	0	0.0	-----

NOTE.—The single dose of one-half centigram of plasmochin given on February 26 is at the rate of 0.183 milligrams per kilogram of body weight.

The following experiments were done in 1928 (reference previously cited):

CASE NO. 4

Crescents had decreased after the plasmochin treatment, but were still present in large numbers (756 per cu. mm. of blood). They had apparently become nonviable. Estivo-autumnal rings persisted in large numbers.

Case No. 4

Subject: Myrtle Stewart. Outpatient, discovered in One-Mile Camp survey.
Race: West Indian negress. Diagnosis: Estivo-autumnal malaria.
Age: 3.

Date (1928)	Day	Treatment			Hour mosquitoes fed	Crescents per 1,000 leucocytes	Crescents per cubic millimeter of blood	Results of mosquito dissections			
		Plasmochin	Quinine sulphate	When given				Number dissected	Number positive	Per cent of mosquitoes positive	Average number of oöcysts per gut
Feb. 13	First....	3 cg.....	10 grains (65 cg.)	p. m..	a. m....	196	-----	14	10	71.4	19
Feb. 14	Second..	3 cg.....	10 grains (65 cg.)	p. m..	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Feb. 15	Third....	-----	-----	-----	a. m....	90	756	16	0	0.0	-----

¹ Of these mosquitoes, 4 were caught in the adult stage. The remainder were laboratory bred.

NOTE 1.—Exact body weight unknown, but estimated at about 50 pounds. Thus the dosage would approximate 1 milligram per kilogram of body weight.

NOTE 2.—First examination of blood made on January 12, 1928; a few estivo-autumnal rings were found, but no crescents. Patient was treated with plasmochin-quinine, and blood was found negative on January 22. On February 13 relapsed with many estivo-autumnal rings and 196 crescents per 1,000 leucocytes in blood.

CASE NO. 5

Crescents had greatly diminished after plasmochin treatment and no longer infected mosquitoes.

In cases 4 and 5 one dose of plasmochin plus quinine was administered to the patient at the hospital, and the remainder was given to him or his parents for him to take at home.

Case No. 5

Subject: Blanche Clark. Outpatient, discovered in malaria survey.
Race: West Indian negress. Diagnosis: Estivo-autumnal malaria.
Age: 14 years. Weight unknown.

Date (1928)	Day	Treatment			Hour mosquitoes fed	Crescents per 1,000 leucocytes	Results of mosquito dissections			
		Plas-mochin	Quinine sulphate	When given			Number dissected	Number positive	Per cent of mosquitoes infected	Average number of oöcysts per positive gut
Jan. 30	First....	6 cg.....	11.5 grains (75 cg.).	3 p. m....	1 p. m....	26	13	10	77.0	8
Jan. 31	Second..	6 cg.....	11.5 grains (75 cg.).	(?).....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Feb. 1	Third....	None.....	None.....	-----	(?).....	8	6	0	0.0	0

Two other cases of 1928 may be mentioned. In these we were unable to make any mosquito test before the administration of plasmochin and are not certain that their gametocytes were viable before treatment. In one case the patient had received one day's treatment consisting of 6 cg. plasmochin and 175 cg. quinine when the mosquitoes were fed. He still had about 100 benign tertian gametocytes per 1,000 leucocytes; the gametocytes showed some modification as the result of the treatment. None of the 11 mosquitoes fed on this patient became infected. In the second case the patient had received one day's treatment consisting of 2 cg. of plasmochin and 58 cg. of quinine and still had 26 crescents per 1,000 leucocytes in the blood. Seven mosquitoes caught in the adult stage were fed on this patient and none of them became infected. In both of these cases the species of mosquito was *A. albimanus*.

SUMMARY OF CASES

The results of these experiments seem clear-cut. In no case did mosquitoes become infected after plasmochin treatment. It appears that single doses as small as 0.2 mg. per kg. of body weight may affect the viability of crescents, even though they have increased in numbers, and are still living and capable of exflagellation. Quinine alone showed no measurable effect on the viability of crescents during the period of time covered by the preliminary feedings.

We appreciate the fact that our cases are comparatively few. The conditions of our experiments demanded that the patient have sufficient gametocytes in the blood to infect mosquitoes at a single feeding, and we had much difficulty during our tour in 1929 in getting enough patients suitable for our experiments. In our search for carriers we made many blood parasite surveys on the farms of the Panama division and elsewhere. One or two groups were treated with quinine alone in small doses in the hope that they might develop more abundant crescents. In all, we examined over 1,500 blood specimens and found over 400 with parasites in the peripheral blood. Among these positives we found a considerable number with very few gametocytes, but only 12 with sufficiently heavy infections to afford good "prospects." The situation was made more difficult by the fact that it was necessary to test the infectibility of the gametocytes by mosquito feedings, and we sometimes wasted several days' time before we knew that the patient was not suitable. In five cases the preliminary feedings gave negative results and the cases could not be used.

Nearly all the people examined were West Indian negroes, who often carry large numbers of parasites without showing severe symptoms of malaria. It is possible that another race of people more susceptible to the effects of malaria parasites would have afforded a larger percentage of heavier gametocyte carriers. Sinton (2) believes that the stimulus which induces crescent production is much more marked at the time of an acute attack of the disease than in the period when an immunity has been produced.

The list of the 12 most promising carriers with the type and number of gametocytes is given in Table 1. The cases marked "unavailable" lived at considerable distances from the hospital and could not be brought to the laboratory in time for the experiments.

TABLE 1.—List of good carriers found in malaria surveys of Panama division, 1929

Check No.	Type of gametocyte	Numbers of gametocytes	Results
No. 1	Estivo-autumnal.....	94 crescents per 1,000 leucocytes.....	Infected 5 <i>A. albimanus</i> .
2	Tertian.....	33 gametocytes per 1,000 leucocytes....	Failed to infect.
3	Estivo-autumnal.....	14 crescents per 1,000 leucocytes.....	Do.
4	do.....	11 crescents per 1,000 leucocytes.....	Do.
5	do.....	3 crescents per field.....	Unavailable until after gametes reduced.
6	do.....	6 crescents per 1,000 leucocytes.....	Unavailable.
7	Quartan.....	15 gametocytes per 1,000 leucocytes....	Failed to infect.
8	Estivo-autumnal.....	16 crescents per 1,000 leucocytes.....	Do.
9	do.....	55 crescents per 1,000 leucocytes.....	Infected 16 <i>A. albimanus</i> .
10	do.....	103 crescents per 1,000 leucocytes.....	Unavailable.
11	do.....	43 crescents per 1,000 leucocytes.....	Do.
12	do.....	26 crescents per 1,000 leucocytes.....	Infected 4 <i>A. albimanus</i> .

Four hundred and twenty-five positives were found in the surveys; 12 apparently good gametocyte carriers were discovered, of which 8 were available. Only 3 of these infected mosquitoes.

In order to illustrate the amount of work which may be lost on an unsuitable carrier we give in detail the experiments made on a benign tertian carrier, case A. This case had become infected or had relapsed but recently, and it is possible that the gametocytes had not become sufficiently mature to infect mosquitoes. Gametocytes appeared in considerable numbers, and both sexes were present in the blood at the time of the feeding experiments. They showed definite signs of degeneration after treatment with plasmochin.

Case A

Subject: Bernardino Seguro. Entered hospital Jan. 14, 1929, at 1 p. m.
 Race: White (Costa Rican). Diagnosis: Tertian malaria.
 Age: 22. Weight: 106½ pounds, or 48.3 kg.

Date (1929)	Day	Treatment			Hour mosquitoes fed	Gametocytes per 1,000 leucocytes	Results of mosquito dissections		
		Plasmochin	Quinine sulphate	When given			Number dissected	Number positive	Per cent of mosquitoes positive
Jan. 14	First	None 4 cg	10 grains (65 cg.) 17.5 grains (113 cg.)	3.30 p.m. 10 p.m.	3.15 p.m.	33	25	0	0
Jan. 15	Second	None 4 cg	20 grains (130 cg.) 7.5 grains (48 cg.)	8 a.m. 4 p.m.	5.15 p.m.	100	34	0	0
Jan. 16	Third	None	10 grains (65 cg.) 10 grains (65 cg.)	8 a.m. 12 m.					
Jan. 17	Fourth	None	10 grains (65 cg.) 10 grains (65 cg.) 10 grains (65 cg.) 10 grains (65 cg.)	4 p.m. 8 a.m. 12 m. 4 p.m.	5 p.m.	47	4	0	0
					5.30 p.m.	(?)	4	0	0

NOTE.—On Jan. 8, 1929, six days before this patient entered the hospital, he was found positive for malaria. At that time no gametocytes or large plasmodia were found in his blood.

THE LENGTH OF TIME GAMETOCYTES MAY BE EXPECTED TO REMAIN NONVIALE AFTER A SINGLE DOSE OF PLASMOCHIN

A priori it would not seem probable that the effect of a single small dose would last a long time if new gametocytes are being produced continually in the spleen, bone marrow, or elsewhere; and authors generally hold that it is necessary to rid the blood of rings if gametocyte production is to be arrested. In cases 1 and 2 of our experiments, however, crescents, although present, apparently remained nonviable for three days after plasmochin treatment. In case No. 2, rings persisted in the peripheral blood throughout the whole period covered by the experiment. In case No. 3, crescents increased during treatment, although no rings were present in the peripheral blood. In routine blood work we find many cases in which large numbers of rings persist in the blood, although crescents may be lacking or very few. The relation of rings in the peripheral blood to the production of viable crescents is not very definitely known. At all events, it seems probable that a single dose of plas-

plasmochin may be effective on crescents during several days at least, whatever the fate of the rings.

Fischer (3) states that a plasmochin treatment (in his series, 15 or 20 cg.) is just as effective in ridding the patient of gametocytes when given in divided doses over 24 to 36 hours as when the same total dosage is spread over several days.

As regards the value of single doses, much depends, of course, on the length of time an untreated carrier usually carries effective numbers of gametocytes. It has been our observation that in a large proportion of cases such infestations tend to run out within a few days. There are exceptions to this rule, of course, but it would seem that in a majority of cases one or two doses of plasmochin given during the infestation would at least materially shorten the period during which the patients carry viable gametocytes.

As might be expected, gametocytes in patients who have relapsed several weeks after a plasmochin treatment are just as infective as those occurring during primary attacks. Of our cases, No. 1 had received a plasmochin treatment about a month previously and another, No. 4, about three weeks. Both of these relapsed cases readily infected mosquitoes.

The mosquito test necessitates keeping on hand an abundance of mosquitoes ready for biting; and the subsequent care of the mosquitoes, the dissections, and the like, require a good deal of time. It would be an advantage if the effect of small doses of plasmochin could be measured by degeneration or other morphological change in the gametocytes discernible by simple microscopic examination.

A number of authors have noted degenerative changes in gametocytes as the results of plasmochin. Roehl (4) mentions the destructive effect of the drug on the gametocytes of bird malaria. In human malaria, Schulemann and Memmi (5) and Manson-Bahr (6) have described degenerative changes in benign tertian gametocytes. We (loc. cit., p. 61) noted a marked modification in such gametocytes after 6 cg. of plasmochin and 175 cg. of quinine.

Schulemann and Memmi (loc. cit.) state that crescents before their disappearance under plasmochin treatment are more difficult to stain. Manson-Bahr (loc. cit.) describes degenerative changes in the crescents in several cases treated with plasmochin-compound. In one case, after a total dosage of 12 cg. of plasmochin and 1.5 grams of quinine, the crescents in dying underwent a peculiar granular degeneration. In another case, after a dosage of 3 cg. of plasmochin plus 0.375 gram quinine, the gametocytes became inert; that is, the majority of them no longer became spherical on being chilled outside of the body, and exflagellation did not occur in any of them. Within 36 hours after the commencement of the treatment (8 cg. plasmochin

and 1 gm. quinine), crescents assumed distorted forms, their protoplasm underwent a granular degeneration, and their chromatin was broken into small clumps. Mollow (7) treated a crescent carrier with five 2 cg. doses of pure plasmochin daily. On the fourth day of treatment he noted degenerative changes in the crescents—pale and irregular staining and vacuolization of the cytoplasm. Finally the crescents became completely degenerated. Apparently the male gametocytes were more susceptible to the action of the drug than the female. Muffel (8) noted 48 hours after a daily treatment of 6 cg. of plasmochin that the protoplasm of the crescents became vacuolated and their outline became irregular. The earlier morphological changes appeared before any diminution in the number of the crescents had occurred. Later, degeneration became more advanced; only the pigment with bare traces of protoplasm remained. The action of plasmochin did not appear in all crescents at the same time nor with like distinctness.

Krauss (9) found that senile changes, including vacuolization, which occasionally occur in gametocytes independently of any treatment, may become the rule after plasmochin.

We have already noted that in our experiments the crescents, or a part of them, were still living after plasmochin treatment and showed no degenerative changes sufficiently definite to serve as a useful criterion of viability. However marked the degenerative changes in crescents after larger dosage or more prolonged treatment, it appears that we can not rely on the microscope alone to measure the early effects of very small doses of plasmochin, and the mosquito infection test appears to be the only one of sufficient delicacy to serve that purpose. Possibly wet fixation of films or some more precise staining method might afford evidences of degeneration not exhibited by thin and thick films prepared in the ordinary manner.

THE USE OF PLASMOCHIN AS A GAMETOCIDE IN POPULATIONS

Authors generally hold that treatment with plasmochin is not safe except under immediate medical supervision, because of occasional harmful by-effects of the drug. Muehlens (10) has recommended as a safe dose one not exceeding 1 mg. per kg. of body weight. Such a dose would amount to about 6 or 7 cg. for a person weighing 150 lbs. Fischer (loc. cit.) holds that a dose of 15 or 20 cg. distributed over 36 hours is sufficient to destroy gametocytes, and lies within the limits of safety. Baermann and Smits (11) have summarized the literature of the 4 fatal cases and the 11 very severe cases supposedly due to the by-effects of plasmochin. In all these the total amount of plasmochin given varied between 16 and 40 cg. The authors believe that the dosage recommended by Muehlens is not wholly safe.

Macphail (12) has extended plasmochin treatment to camp work. A daily dose of 6 cg. plasmochin and 20 grains of quinine was given under the supervision of dispensers. Doctor Brosius, of the Panama division, has also demonstrated that plasmochin, combined with quinine and employed in limited dosage, may be safely distributed in a population and taken without the immediate supervision of a physician.

Our experiments indicate that a dosage far below that recommended by Muehlens or Fischer or that used in the camp treatments of the United Fruit Co. is effective against gametocytes, and it is very probable that such small doses can be safely used in any population. It is well to employ caution, of course, but it would at least seem advisable to employ plasmochin for mass treatment of a group suffering severely from malaria, especially where transmission is active. The risk of by-effects of plasmochin would be outbalanced by the malaria danger.

It is presumed that plasmochin would be used in conjunction with quinine, at all events in regions where estivo-autumnal malaria is prevalent; for plasmochin alone is not sufficiently effective against the asexual forms of estivo-autumnal parasites, and good evidence exists that quinine tends to counteract the harmful effects of plasmochin.

It is evident that any drug used to prevent the transmission of malaria must be widely used in a population. In many regions comparatively few persons sick with malaria ever receive the care of a physician in hospitals or elsewhere. Among negroes parasitic infestations may not be followed by serious illness, and patients are not likely to receive medical aid.

In plantations or other localities where populations can be assembled and treated en masse, the employment of plasmochin is comparatively easy. In populations not under such control the problem becomes much more difficult. People are not likely to take any remedy for purely public health purposes.

In some regions people are accustomed to take "chill tonics" for malaria. It is at least worth considering whether a tonic containing sufficient quinine and a very small percentage of plasmochin might not be practical. It is yet to be proved just how little plasmochin would suffice to render gametocytes nonviable if taken in this form. Further, it would be necessary to guard against a possible cumulative effect of the drug. But tonic takers usually discontinue treatment after a few doses, especially if the "fever is broken," and the risk might not be materially greater than it is in a variety of popular remedies where overdose is dangerous and caution must be enjoined.

In conclusion, our experiments indicate that amounts of plasmochin within the limits of safety are effective against gametocytes

and may be combined with quinine (and caution) in the treatment of populations. Where plasmochin is now being used for this purpose it is probable that smaller amounts of the drug can be used without diminishing the gametocidal effects of treatments and with a gain in economy and safety.

SUMMARY

1. Plasmochin in small doses, in one case in a single dose of $\frac{1}{2}$ cg., proved to have a definite effect on the viability of crescents as measured by mosquito infection tests.

2. Degenerative changes in crescents after the use of plasmochin did not appear to be definite enough to measure the early effects of small doses of plasmochin.

3. It is probable that the general use in a population of such small doses of plasmochin would be safe and effective in reducing the transmission of malaria.

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STUDIES ON THE BIOCHEMISTRY OF SULPHUR (1)

II. FURTHER STUDIES ON THE DISTINCTIVE REACTION FOR
CYSTEINE AND CYSTINE

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Work on pellagra by Sullivan and others (1919, 1920) suggested that the sulphur metabolism was abnormal in this disease. This finding led to a study of cysteine and cystine, sulphur-containing amino acids which play a very important rôle in nutrition, particularly in cellular respiration and biochemical defense. From this study there was developed a distinctive test for cysteine (Sullivan, 1926.)

Broadly speaking, this distinctive test, the details of which are given later, is that cysteine reacts with 1.2 naphthoquinone-4-sodium sulphonate and alkali to give a red color which is not discharged by reducing agents, such as anhydrous sodium hyposulphite ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$), formerly known as sodium hydrosulphite.²

This test for cysteine, or for cystine after reduction with sodium cyanide, had such a degree of specificity that of 80 compounds tested, amino acids, thiocompounds, amines, etc., the reaction was given only by cysteine or by cystine treated with sodium cyanide.

In the 1926 report (No. I of this series) various modifications of the cysteine test were given. The most satisfactory procedure, however, was the sodium sulphite modification which has been used on most of the subsequent work. The procedure for cysteine, and as modified to include cystine, is as follows:

Cysteine.—To 5 c. c. of solution, containing not more than 400 p. p. m. of cysteine in 0.1 N hydrochloric acid, add (a) 1 or 2 c. c. of a freshly prepared 1 per cent solution of sodium cyanide,³ in 0.8 N sodium hydroxide, mix, and add at once (b) 1 c. c. of a freshly prepared 0.5 per cent aqueous solution of 1.2 naphthoquinone-4-sodium sulphonate, mix, and add (c) 5 c. c. of 10–20 per cent solution of anhydrous sodium sulphite in 0.5 N sodium hydroxide, mix, and wait 30 minutes at a temperature of 20 to 25° C. A reddish-brown color appears. Then add (d) 1 c. c. of a 2 per cent solution of

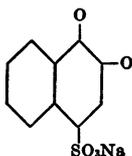
¹ Number I of this series of papers under the title "Studies on the Biochemistry of Sulphur" is "A distinctive Test for Cysteine." Pub. Health Rep. (1926) 41, 1030. (Reprint 1084.)

² Unfortunately, the term "sodium hyposulphite" is in some quarters still applied to sodium thiosulphate ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$). The latter compound is entirely unsuitable for the test herein described. The term "hyposulphite," as stated, is here used to designate the powerful reducing agent ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$), which is also known as sodium hydrosulphite. The term "sodium hyposulphite" for the compound ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$) is that adopted by Chemical Abstracts.

³ In the earlier work with cysteine no cyanide was added before the addition of the naphthoquinone. In recent work, however, it has been found advantageous to add 1 c. c. of 1 per cent sodium cyanide in 0.8 N sodium hydroxide before adding the naphthoquinone. This 1 per cent sodium cyanide has little if any reducing action on cystine in short contact, but does give somewhat better results with cysteine by preventing any oxidation of cysteine caused by traces of iron salts, or by the 1.2 naphthoquinone-4-sodium sulphonate, and by giving the degree of alkalinity most suitable for the reaction.

sodium hyposulphite ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$), formally known as sodium hydro-sulphite,⁴ in 0.5 N sodium hydroxide. The brown-red color in the presence of cysteine (or cystine, reduced with sodium cyanide), is converted to a purer red while all other compounds tested with the possible exception of cystine gave only a yellow color on addition of the hyposulphite ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$). In the cysteine procedure as given in this paper, strong solutions of cystine give a slightly positive cysteine reaction since, under the conditions, cystine is slightly reduced to cysteine. The further addition of 2 c. c. of a 5 per cent aqueous solution of sodium cyanide is advantageous since it stabilizes the reaction more or less and what is in some cases more important, it gets rid of a purple shade caused by iron compounds, if they are present in amounts large enough to interfere.

Cystine.—To 5 c. c. of solution, containing not more than 400 parts per million of cystine in approximately 0.1 N hydrochloric acid, add 1 or 2 c. c. of a freshly made 5 per cent aqueous solution of sodium cyanide. Mix and let reduction go on for 10 minutes at about 20° to 25° C. Then add 1 c. c. of a freshly prepared 0.5 per cent solution of 1.2 naphthoquinone-4-sodium sulphonate



and proceed with the addition of sodium sulphite, etc., as given for cysteine.

The cystine procedure has been studied in detail and, as will be shown in a later publication, has been found satisfactory for the determination of cystine in protein when compared with a proper cystine standard similarly treated. The reduction of cystine by cyanide does not give complete formation of cysteine as judged by comparison with cysteine equivalent in amount to the cystine started with. The two procedures for cysteine and for cystine should be kept distinct, that is, in cysteine studies the control should be cysteine and in cystine studies the control should be cystine. Work is being done on the possibility of determining both cysteine and cystine when together in mixtures.

Effect of metallic salts on the estimation of cysteine and cystine.—Heavy metals and oxidizing salts should not be present. The heavy metals will produce precipitates or colloidal solutions, especially on the

⁴ In hydrolysates of foodstuffs which contain buffering material 1 or 2 c. c. of 5 N sodium hydroxide must be added before adding the final reducing agent, sodium hyposulphite ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$). As a rule it is cystine that is found in hydrolysates.

addition of the final reducing agent, sodium hyposulphite ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$). Oxidative compounds, such as cupric salts or ferric salts, would oxidize cysteine to cystine and, in addition, produce obscuring reactions with the sodium hyposulphite.

Fortunately, however, in situations where cysteine or cystine might be sought for, no interfering metallic compounds occur, and even iron, as a rule, occurs in too small amounts to disturb the reaction for cysteine or cystine. Thus, in extracts of tissue there is not enough active iron to interfere with cysteine if this is present, since reduced glutathione, which is likewise readily oxidized by ferric compounds, occurs in tissue and protein-free extracts thereof as shown by Hopkins (1921) and Tunncliffe (1925). Further, in hydrolysates of purified proteins which have been analyzed in this laboratory it is cystine that occurs as a rule. In one or two cases where cysteine was present there was little evidence of the presence of active iron. Hemoglobin to the extent of 1 per cent of the weight of the cysteine tested has no effect on the estimation of cysteine, and so in protein-free extracts of tissue there should be little if any interference by hemoglobin.

The only metal that has been found associated with cysteine and cystine is iron in small amounts. The possibility that iron might play a part in a retarding or accelerating way in the cysteine and cystine determinations was contradicted somewhat at least by the fact that our oxidized glutathione tested by the Tschugaeff and Orelkin (1914) dimethylglyoxime method gave as good a test for iron as did cystine, both faint, and still gave a negative reaction with the beta naphthoquinone sulphonate in the cystine procedure. Nevertheless some study was made as to the effect of small amounts of iron on the cysteine and cystine reactions.

By special precautions detailed by Sakuma (1923), Warburg and Sakuma (1923), Harrison (1924), and Warburg (1927), iron-free samples of both of the sulphur-containing amino acids, cysteine and cystine, can be obtained. Ordinarily pure samples of these compounds generally carry a small iron content. Thus the cysteine hydrochloride and cystine employed in most of these experiments contained 0.01 per cent and 0.0025 per cent iron, respectively. These amounts of iron have little effect on the cysteine or cystine reaction described in this and the preceding paper (Sullivan, 1926). A proof of this statement may be found in the fact that when iron as ferrous sulphate, to the extent of 1 per cent of the cysteine, was added to a 200 part per million solution of cysteine, the colorimetric reading was the same as without iron. Even 4 per cent iron as ferrous sulphate made little difference. Similarly, the colorimetric estimation of a 200 part per million cystine solution containing iron as ferric chloride, to the extent of from 1 to 8 per cent of the weight of the

cystine, was the same as cystine, 200 parts per million without added iron. In short, the addition of much more iron than is present in our samples of cysteine and cystine made no difference in the colorimetric results. However, the cysteine dissolved in 0.1 N hydrochloric acid slowly oxidized—a step that may be accelerated by the small amount of iron present.⁵

In both the cysteine and cystine reactions, but especially in the cysteine procedure without cyanide, the presence of considerable iron with and without the presence of cysteine and cystine may cause a slow development of a purple shade after addition of sodium hyposulphite; but this purple shade is discharged by the addition of 2 c. c. of 5 per cent sodium cyanide.

To date, with the absence of heavy metals and oxidizing metals or other oxidative material, there has been found no compound which interferes in the reaction for cysteine and cystine.⁶

Having at hand a reaction⁷ of remarkable specificity for cysteine, directly, and for cystine, indirectly—that is, after reduction with sodium cyanide—studies have been made with it along various lines as follows: (1) The reaction of various compounds of biological interest recently found in tissue or foodstuffs and of compounds that might occur in hydrolysates such as furfural, levulinic, and pyruvic acids, etc.; (2) the groups involved in the reaction; (3) the isolation of the red cysteine naphthoquinone complex; (4) the application of the reaction to the quantitative estimation of cystine in isolated proteins and foodstuffs; (5) a comparison of the Sullivan method with the Folin-Looney (1922) and the Okuda (1925) iodometric method for the estimation of cystine; (6) a survey of various tissues, normal and abnormal.

All these projects, with the exception of project (3), have been considerably advanced and will be published in the near future. The present paper, however, will deal with the qualitative reaction of some compounds directly and indirectly of biological interest. Among the new compounds tested are ergothionine, Mueller's thioamino acid,

⁵ In work with iron-free cysteine and cystine made by Warburg's (1927) simplified method it was found that, when ferrous iron to the extent of 1 per cent of the weight of the cysteine was added, the colorimetric reading was the same as without iron. Warburg (1927) reports copper present in blood serum. From the weight of evidence at hand the copper and the iron which may be present in tissue or in blood serum is either predominantly the reduced form or is inhibited from exercising any oxidative function on the RSH. Thus, as shown by Hopkins (1921) and by Tunnicliffe (1925), glutathione occurs in tissue mainly, if not entirely, as the reduced form, and, as will be shown by the writer later, cysteine occurs at times at least in certain tissues, as, for instance, the liver, which has been reported as containing both iron and copper.

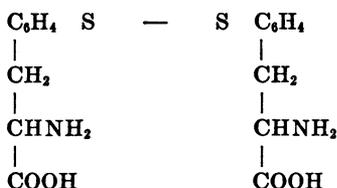
⁶ Glutathione extracted from brewers' yeast in this laboratory did not give the cysteine or cystine reaction. In some of their samples of glutathione Johnson and Voegtlin (1927) report a blue-red color when put through the cystine reaction, and Bierich and Kalle (1928) had a similar finding. In the Johnson and Voegtlin preparation the color did not develop as in the cysteine and cystine reaction, but came up on adding the hyposulphite. This blue-red or purple color must be due to impurities, but whether to organic or inorganic remains undetermined.

⁷ Since the reaction has come to be known as the "Sullivan reaction," this term will be used when comparison is made with other methods for determining cysteine or cystine. In a later paper by Sullivan and Hess a comparison will be made of various methods of estimating cystine in foodstuffs.

T. B. Johnson's disulphide of thiotyrosine, cystine amine, furfural, levulinic acid, and pyruvic acid. These compounds were also tested by means of the Folin-Looney cystine procedure and the Okuda iodometric method.

Ergothionine.—This sulphur-containing compound isolated from blood by Benedict (1925), Benedict, Newton, and Behre (1926), Hunter and Eagles (1925, 1927), was found by Newton, Benedict, and Dakin (1926) to be identical with the base ergothionine isolated from ergot by Tanret (1909) and shown by Barger and Ewins (1911) to be the betaine of thiohistidine. This compound gives a blue color with the uric-acid reagent of Folin and Denis (1912) and of Folin and Trimble (1924) with and without the use of sodium sulphite. In the Okuda (1925) iodometric method the sample at hand does not react like an (SH) compound, but requires reduction with zinc and hydrochloric acid—that is, it reacts like cystine. It is negative with the Sullivan reaction with and without sodium cyanide.

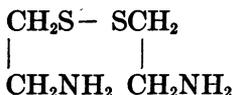
The disulphide of thiotyrosine



This compound, synthesized by Johnson and Brautlecht (1912), was obtained from Prof. Treat B. Johnson, of Yale University. As stated by Johnson, this thioamino acid has not been discovered among the products of hydrolysis, yet it can not be excluded from consideration until all of the sulphur in proteins can be accounted for. The disulphide of thiotyrosine behaves like cystine in the Folin-Looney procedure and in the Okuda (1925) iodometric method. It is negative in the Sullivan procedure for cystine.

Mueller's thio acid.—Mueller (1921, 1923) isolated a new sulphur-containing amino acid from casein. For this compound Barger and Coyne (1928) suggested the constitution $\text{CH}_3\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHNH}_2\text{COOH}$ and the name "methionine." A sample of this thio-acid obtained from Professor Mueller gave negative reactions for cystine by the Folin-Looney, the Okuda, and the Sullivan methods.

Cystine amine.—Cystine amine,



was synthesized according to the Gabriel (1891) synthesis. This

compound, the preparation and properties of which will be discussed in the next paper of this series, fails to give the reaction for cystine in the Sullivan method, but does react like cystine in the Folin-Looney procedure and in the Okuda iodometric method.

Furfural.—Furfural is a substance that might occur in hydrolysates of foodstuffs. Accordingly, 5 c. c. of a 1 per cent solution in 0.1 N hydrochloric acid was tested with the different cystine methods. In the Folin-Looney procedure for cystine, with the uric acid reagent at hand, furfural behaves somewhat like cystine in that it gives a blue color. With Okuda's iodometric method and with the Sullivan method furfural is negative.

Levulinic acid and pyruvic acid.—These acids might arise in the hydrolyzation of foodstuffs. Five c. c. of a 1 per cent solution in 0.1 N hydrochloric acid are negative in the Sullivan reaction and in the Okuda method for cystine, but are positive in the Folin-Looney procedure with the uric acid reagent at hand.

The reaction of a number of other compounds, especially organic sulphur compounds, could be listed to show that the Sullivan procedure for cysteine and cystine has a greater degree of specificity than has the Okuda method and much greater than the Folin-Looney method. It may be mentioned that reduced glutathione behaves like cysteine in the Okuda method and in the Folin-Looney method, and that oxidized glutathione behaves like cystine in both of these methods. Neither reduced nor oxidized glutathione give the Sullivan test for cysteine or cystine.

DISCUSSION

The method for the testing of cysteine and cystine developed in this laboratory seems to afford on both theoretical and practical grounds an improvement on other methods. The points in its favor may be briefly summarized: (1) Certain compounds containing the sulphhydryl group (SH) as, for example, thiocresol, which give a blue color with the Folin-Denis (1912) uric acid reagent and decolorize iodine in the Okuda test for cysteine are negative in the Sullivan method; (2) substances found in tissue such as glutathione and ergothionine which give a blue color with the uric acid reagent are negative; (3) certain possible products of hydrolysis such as pyruvic and levulinic acids and furfural which interfere more or less in the very convenient Folin-Looney colorimetric method for cystine do not interfere; (4) organic disulphide other than cystine, which, if present in the hydrolysate of a foodstuff, would tend to give a positive cystine reaction in the Folin-Looney and in the Okuda procedures are negative in the procedure outlined in this paper.

As pointed out by Folin and Denis (1912) in reference to their, at that time, new colorimetric method for tyrosine "any chemical reac-

tion which is specific for any amino acid and suitable for its quantitative estimation is apt to be valuable and merit investigation." The method as modified for cystine has been investigated in great detail and has been applied quantitatively in analysis of proteins, in tissue extracts, etc. Little application as yet has been made of the direct cysteine reaction aside from the determination of cysteine in tissue extracts, to which we shall refer in a later publication. The cysteine reaction and the reaction modified to include cystine are in reality two entirely different procedures.

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The next paper, No. III, shows that for the cysteine reaction three groups are needed (SH), (NH₂), and (COOH). Subsequent papers will cover various applications of the reaction in comparison with the Folin-Looney method and the Okuda method.

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COURT DECISION RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Township board of health not empowered to make general permanent regulations.—(North Dakota Supreme Court; *State v. Moher*, 224 N. W. 890; decided April 6, 1929.) Section 4176, Compiled Laws 1913, provided as follows:

The board of health (of a township or village) may examine into all nuisances, sources of filth, and causes of sickness and make such temporary regulations respecting the same as it shall judge necessary for the public health and safety of the inhabitants, but upon taking such action the board shall immediately report the same to the county superintendent of public health, who shall then take the matter up and give the board specific instructions or proceed to the place and take such action as he may deem necessary for the protection of public health, and each person who violates any order or regulation made by any board of health, and duly published, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100 or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding three months.

A township board of health, purporting to act under the above section, made the following order:

It is ordered that from and after the issuance and publication of this order that the dumping of any garbage, refuse, offal, or other filth or any other thing or material dangerous to health in Barnes Township shall be, and is hereby, prohibited and that any violation of this order will be prosecuted as provided by law.

Thereafter the defendant was convicted of dumping garbage in violation of such order. On appeal the supreme court reversed the judgment of conviction and dismissed the case on the ground that the order was a general and permanent regulation which was beyond the power of the board to make. The opinion contained the following language:

The defendant contends that the order of the Board of Health of Barnes Township, for a violation of which he is being prosecuted, was invalid as being beyond the authority of the township board of health to ordain. His contention in this respect is that the order is general and permanent, while the statute, section 4176, supra, authorizes the board to make only temporary regulations respecting subjects with which it is empowered to deal. * * *

* * * It is unnecessary for us to consider how far the legislature might constitutionally go in empowering township boards of health to make general and permanent regulations, since it is apparent that by the statute here in question the legislature restricted their power to the making of temporary regulations respecting matters of sanitation.

The regulation ordained by the Board of Health of Barnes Township on October 4, 1927, and which the defendant is charged with having violated, was general in its nature. Regardless of any nuisance or menace to health that may have provoked it, the regulation referred to no particular person, condition, time, or place. It is a general regulation prohibiting the dumping of garbage at any place within the township at any time by any person. As such it was clearly beyond the power of the township board of health to enact.

Now the defendant is charged with a violation of this regulation. The charge against him is not that he created a nuisance, source of filth, or cause of sickness, but that he violated this general order of the township board of health. Since the board acted without authority in making the regulation, and since the offense charged against the defendant is that of violating the regulation, the objections of the defendant to the prosecution and to the complaint and information on which it was based are good, and the judgment of conviction must be reversed and the case dismissed.

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 1, 1929

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for the week ended June 1, 1929, and corresponding week of 1928. (From the Weekly Health Index, June 5, 1929, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)

	Week ended June 1, 1929	Corresponding week, 1928
Policies in force.....	74, 266, 314	71, 296, 695
Number of death claims.....	11, 437	12, 482
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate..	8. 0	9. 2

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended June 1, 1929, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1928. (From the Weekly Health Index, June 5, 1929, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)

City	Week ended June 1, 1929		Annual death rate per 1,000 corresponding week, 1928	Deaths under 1 year		Infant mortality rate, week ended June 1, 1929 ¹
	Total deaths	Death rate ¹		Week ended June 1, 1929	Corresponding week, 1928	
Total (65 cities).....	7,284	12.8	13.2	698	793	159
Akron.....	34			3	6	31
Albany ⁴	37	16.1	18.7	8	6	59
Atlanta.....	78	16.0	19.7	6	13	62
White.....	39			3	3	
Colored.....	39	(⁵)	(⁵)	3	10	
Baltimore ⁴	224	14.1	14.0	33	28	106
White.....	168			24	16	97
Colored.....	56	(⁵)	(⁵)	9	12	143
Birmingham.....	57	13.4	17.6	4	8	36
White.....	24			1	5	15
Colored.....	33	(⁵)	(⁵)	3	3	69
Boston.....	237	15.5	15.8	22	31	61
Bridgeport.....	34			3	1	52
Buffalo.....	143	13.5	17.0	9	16	39
Cambridge.....	29	12.1	15.8	2	0	36
Camden.....	25	9.7	10.0	2	4	35
Canton.....	22	9.8	8.1	3	4	71
Chicago ⁴	807	13.4	11.7	77	91	69
Cincinnati.....	141			8	8	47
Cleveland.....	201	10.4	10.5	14	27	41
Columbus.....	80	14.0	11.2	4	2	37
Dallas.....	37	8.9	14.4	6	6	
White.....	32			6	5	
Colored.....	5	(⁵)	(⁵)	0	1	
Dayton.....	42	11.9	11.3	2	6	32
Denver.....	69	12.3	15.1	7	12	68
Des Moines.....	30	10.3	8.3	0	7	0
Detroit.....	335	12.7	12.3	45	43	72
Duluth.....	31	13.9	9.0	2	1	48
Erie.....	28			2	3	41
Fall River ⁴	22	8.6	17.1	2	4	38
Flint.....	36	12.6	10.5	7	6	85
Fort Worth.....	36	11.0	9.5	1	4	
White.....	30			1	2	
Colored.....	6	(⁵)	(⁵)	0	2	
Grand Rapids.....	41	13.1	11.5	3	2	45
Houston.....	57			4	11	
White.....	37			3	8	
Colored.....	20	(⁵)	(⁵)	1	3	
Indianapolis.....	116	15.9	10.5	9	6	72
White.....	94			7	5	65
Colored.....	22	(⁵)	(⁵)	2	1	119
Jersey City.....	86	13.8	12.7	7	10	54
Kansas City, Kans.....	34	15.0	8.4	4	1	88
White.....	27			3	1	76
Colored.....	7	(⁵)	(⁵)	1	0	179
Kansas City, Mo.....	91	12.2	12.4	7	12	59
Knoxville.....	28	13.9	10.4	1	4	22
White.....	25			1	1	24
Colored.....	3	(⁵)	(⁵)	0	3	0
Los Angeles.....	248			28	21	82
Louisville.....	77	12.2	18.3	7	4	57
White.....	55			6	1	56
Colored.....	22	(⁵)	(⁵)	1	3	63
Lowell.....	25			0	7	0
Lynn.....	26	12.9	14.9	2	4	55
Memphis.....	82	22.5	24.7	6	7	71
White.....	47			5	5	95
Colored.....	35	(⁵)	(⁵)	1	2	31
Milwaukee.....	122	11.7	12.3	10	6	44
Minneapolis.....	104	11.9	9.3	11	8	68
Nashville.....	34	12.7	25.1	6	8	97
White.....	25			5	6	109
Colored.....	9	(⁵)	(⁵)	1	2	63
New Bedford.....	26			1	4	21
New Haven.....	49	13.6	17.0	4	10	61

(Footnotes at end of table)

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended June 1, 1929, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1928.—Continued

City	Week ended June 1, 1929		Annual death rate per 1,000 corresponding week, 1928	Deaths under 1 year		Infant mortality rate, week ended June 1, 1929 ³
	Total deaths	Death rate ¹		Week ended June 1, 1929	Corresponding week, 1928	
New Orleans	158	19.2	20.1	18	20	89
White	76			7	10	49
Colored	82	(⁵)	(⁵)	11	10	185
New York	1,446	12.6	13.8	140	166	57
Bronx Borough	204	11.2	10.7	18	9	53
Brooklyn Borough	469	10.6	12.4	44	63	45
Manhattan Borough	577	17.2	19.5	58	79	71
Queens Borough	143	8.8	9.7	16	12	65
Richmond Borough	93	18.4	12.5	4	3	72
Newark, N. J.	51	10.0	14.4	13	15	69
Oakland	53	10.1	8.2	6	5	67
Oklahoma City	21			3	0	60
Omaha	66	15.5	7.5	6	0	70
Paterson	38	13.7	13.7	6	3	106
Philadelphia	426	10.8	13.1	29	33	41
Pittsburgh	179	13.9	13.9	23	30	79
Portland, Oreg.	78			2	3	23
Providence	78			2	3	26
Richmond	64	11.7	12.4	7	5	98
White	58	15.6	16.4	4	3	85
Colored	34	(⁵)	(⁵)	3	2	123
Rochester	24			5	5	42
St. Louis	73	11.6	11.6	5	5	12
St. Paul	218	13.4	13.6	15	10	51
Salt Lake City ⁴	46			5	4	51
San Antonio	33	12.5	11.4	2	3	31
San Diego	67	16.1	19.2	24	24	57
San Francisco	34	14.9	19.7	3	1	70
Schenectady	134	12.0	11.5	11	8	96
Seattle	28	15.7	12.3	3	1	85
Somerville	75	10.2	8.1	8	6	72
Spokane	14	7.1	18.3	2	2	104
Springfield, Mass.	34	16.3	10.5	4	4	99
Syracuse	39	13.6	9.8	6	0	12
Tacoma	48	12.6	15.0	1	8	26
Toledo	21	9.9	6.2	1	0	75
Trenton	66	11.0	9.3	8	4	18
Utica	37	13.9	15.8	1	7	25
Washington, D. C.	25	12.5	18.6	1	4	17
White	139	13.2	12.0	8	2	47
Colored	76			2	2	114
Waterbury	63	(⁵)	(⁵)	6	2	51
Wilmington, Del.	13			2	2	104
Worcester	30	12.2	16.3	4	4	25
Yonkers	41	10.8	14.0	2	6	23
Youngstown	24	10.3	9.1	1	2	129
	57	17.1	12.0	9	5	

¹ Annual rate per 1,000 population.

² Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births. Cities left blank are not in the registration area for births.

³ Data for 73 cities.

⁴ Deaths for week ended Friday.

⁵ In the cities for which deaths are shown by color, the colored population in 1920 constituted the following percentages of the total population: Atlanta, 31; Baltimore, 15; Birmingham, 39; Dallas, 15; Fort Worth, 14; Houston, 25; Indianapolis, 11; Kansas City, Kans., 14; Knoxville, 15; Louisville, 17; Memphis, 33; Nashville, 30; New Orleans, 26; Richmond, 32; and Washington, D. C., 25.

PREVALENCE OF DISEASE

No health department, State or local, can effectively prevent or control disease without knowledge of when, where, and under what conditions cases are occurring

UNITED STATES

CURRENT WEEKLY STATE REPORTS

These reports are preliminary and the figures are subject to change when later returns are received by the State health officers

Reports for Weeks Ended June 1, 1929, and June 2, 1928

Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended June 1, 1929, and June 2, 1928

Division and State	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles		Meningococcus meningitis	
	Week ended June 1, 1929	Week ended June 2, 1928	Week ended June 1, 1929	Week ended June 2, 1928	Week ended June 1, 1929	Week ended June 2, 1928	Week ended June 1, 1929	Week ended June 2, 1928
New England States:								
Maine.....		10	4	8	131	78	0	0
New Hampshire.....					76	11	0	0
Vermont.....					1	53	0	0
Massachusetts.....	54	50	4	102	465	720	3	2
Rhode Island.....	8	5			49	217	1	0
Connecticut.....	17	27	5	13	219	351	1	3
Middle Atlantic States:								
New York.....	293	287	1 10	1 53	748	4, 133	33	22
New Jersey.....	109	142	4	10	239	1, 796	9	7
Pennsylvania.....	127	126			2, 074	2, 781	12	5
East North Central States:								
Ohio.....	75	111	10	87	2, 508	1, 210	26	6
Indiana.....	11	23		15	444	477	3	0
Illinois.....	200	117	11	153	1, 777	208	18	17
Michigan.....	62	46	5	25	677	974	71	3
Wisconsin.....	25	15	12	237	1, 372	57	3	2
West North Central States:								
Minnesota.....	14	17	1		341	74	1	4
Iowa.....	7	4			53	9	1	1
Missouri.....	55	21	1	12	146	425	16	16
North Dakota.....	33	1		12	130	9	4	0
South Dakota.....	3	3			23	210	1	0
Nebraska.....	8	11	3	2	484	37	1	0
Kansas.....	3	11	1	2	708	116	5	2
South Atlantic States:								
Delaware.....	3	2			14	38	0	0
Maryland.....	11	39	10	9	46	429	1	1
District of Columbia.....	11	14		1	28	215	0	0
West Virginia.....	8	10	14	204	196	72	0	2
North Carolina.....	17	13			16	439	2	0
South Carolina.....	7	11	198	421	8	231	6	0
Georgia.....	2	3	12	47	46	104	0	2
Florida.....	3	6	1	5	76	175	0	0
East South Central States:								
Kentucky.....	5	7				130	2	0
Tennessee.....	1	10	18	103	22	117	2	1
Alabama.....	5	9	17	108	48	262	0	0
Mississippi.....	8	8					1	
West South Central States:								
Arkansas.....	3	4	2	147	4	167	6	1
Louisiana.....	9	14	5	15	37	168	0	1
Oklahoma.....	3	9	10	89	17	167	0	0
Texas.....	15	17	34	78	172	246	0	0

¹ New York City only.

² Week ended Friday.

³ Figures for 1929 are exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa and for 1928 are exclusive of Tulsa.

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for weeks ended June 1, 1929, and June 2, 1928*

Division and State	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles		Meningococcus meningitis	
	Week ended June 1, 1929	Week ended June 2, 1928	Week ended June 1, 1929	Week ended June 2, 1928	Week ended June 1, 1929	Week ended June 2, 1928	Week ended June 1, 1929	Week ended June 2, 1928
Mountain States:								
Montana.....	3	2	-----	3	35	34	0	4
Idaho.....	1	3	-----	-----	83	10	0	1
Wyoming.....	1	1	-----	-----	29	12	0	0
Colorado.....	6	5	-----	-----	237	119	3	0
New Mexico.....	-----	2	-----	-----	8	59	1	0
Arizona.....	1	1	-----	-----	1	9	4	0
Utah.....	1	2	2	10	3	1	5	0
Pacific States:								
Washington.....	1	16	-----	-----	150	67	6	1
Oregon.....	10	5	7	3	205	38	2	0
California.....	51	74	16	29	133	90	14	3
Division and State	Poliomyelitis		Scarlet fever		Smallpox		Typhoid fever	
	Week ended June 1, 1929	Week ended June 2, 1928	Week ended June 1, 1929	Week ended June 2, 1928	Week ended June 1, 1929	Week ended June 2, 1928	Week ended June 1, 1929	Week ended June 2, 1928
New England States:								
Maine.....	0	1	43	25	0	0	-----	4
New Hampshire.....	0	0	10	2	0	0	0	0
Vermont.....	0	0	16	9	6	0	0	0
Massachusetts.....	2	4	200	178	3	0	9	4
Rhode Island.....	0	0	15	24	0	0	1	0
Connecticut.....	0	1	41	42	0	1	1	0
Middle Atlantic States:								
New York.....	1	1	401	432	2	3	15	3
New Jersey.....	0	0	125	165	0	0	7	1
Pennsylvania.....	1	1	318	344	0	15	18	11
East North Central States:								
Ohio.....	1	2	291	207	84	23	17	5
Indiana.....	0	0	169	70	116	87	6	1
Illinois.....	0	1	370	231	117	70	9	4
Michigan.....	2	1	393	156	50	44	4	8
Wisconsin.....	1	0	144	170	32	19	2	42
West North Central States:								
Minnesota.....	0	1	77	89	8	3	2	3
Iowa.....	1	0	94	49	51	44	0	0
Missouri.....	0	0	52	116	23	33	11	1
North Dakota.....	1	0	22	23	25	0	0	2
South Dakota.....	0	0	18	28	17	18	2	0
Nebraska.....	0	0	85	55	43	24	0	0
Kansas.....	0	0	79	75	53	73	2	1
South Atlantic States:								
Delaware.....	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0
Maryland.....	0	3	153	55	0	3	6	4
District of Columbia.....	0	0	15	45	0	0	1	2
West Virginia.....	0	0	12	20	22	17	6	7
North Carolina.....	1	1	24	37	3	40	18	8
South Carolina.....	1	0	6	7	4	1	39	39
Georgia.....	0	0	7	15	0	0	13	13
Florida.....	0	2	3	4	0	1	3	18
East South Central States:								
Kentucky.....	0	0	84	38	32	18	0	2
Tennessee.....	0	0	9	11	22	23	17	11
Alabama.....	0	1	13	6	1	23	10	14
Mississippi.....	0	0	10	5	1	5	14	8
West South Central States:								
Arkansas.....	1	0	15	16	1	3	8	5
Louisiana.....	0	1	36	5	0	14	6	16
Oklahoma.....	0	0	12	42	25	122	2	4
Texas.....	0	3	50	58	45	37	7	9
Mountain States:								
Montana.....	1	0	25	10	12	23	0	0
Idaho.....	0	0	2	4	5	4	0	1
Wyoming.....	0	0	0	12	9	1	2	7
Colorado.....	0	2	20	37	13	8	3	2
New Mexico.....	0	0	8	20	1	5	0	4
Arizona.....	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	3
Utah.....	0	0	2	10	5	1	0	1
Pacific States:								
Washington.....	0	2	21	22	40	21	1	2
Oregon.....	1	0	9	12	21	33	3	3
California.....	3	6	296	148	28	35	5	13

¹ Week ended Friday.

² Figures for 1929 are exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa and for 1928 are exclusive of Tulsa.

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS FROM STATES

The following summary of monthly State reports is published weekly and covers only those States from which reports are received during the current week:

State	Menin- gococ- cus menin- gitis	Diph- theria	Influ- enza	Ma- laria	Mea- sles	Pellag- ra	Polio- mye- litis	Scarlet fever	Small- pox	Ty- phoid fever
<i>October, 1928</i>										
Indiana.....	1	263	53	-----	31	-----	4	260	51	66
Pennsylvania.....	17	841	-----	-----	1,361	3	38	924	0	238
<i>April, 1929</i>										
Mississippi ¹	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
South Carolina.....	-----	85	1,627	1,063	59	652	3	38	22	30
South Dakota.....	1	20	10	-----	145	-----	0	82	179	1
Virginia.....	10	79	820	36	877	42	1	108	30	28
Washington ²	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

¹ The Mississippi report for the month of March, 1929, published in the Public Health Reports of May 10, 1929, page 1151, should have shown 3,426 cases of malaria instead of 3,476 as given.

² The Washington report for the month of March, 1929, published in the Public Health Reports of May 10, 1929, page 1151, should have shown 82 cases of meningococcus meningitis instead of 36 cases as given.

<i>October, 1928</i>		<i>April, 1929</i>	
	Cases		Cases
Chicken pox:		Chicken pox:	
Indiana.....	154	South Carolina.....	422
Pennsylvania.....	1,541	South Dakota.....	40
German measles:		Virginia.....	578
Pennsylvania.....	31	Dengue:	
Lethargic encephalitis:		South Carolina.....	5
Pennsylvania.....	9	Dysentery:	
Mumps:		Virginia.....	97
Indiana.....	9	Lethargic encephalitis:	
Pennsylvania.....	963	South Carolina.....	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum:		Mumps:	
Pennsylvania.....	10	South Carolina.....	166
Puerperal septicemia:		South Dakota.....	41
Pennsylvania.....	4	Paratyphoid fever:	
Rabies in man:		South Carolina.....	3
Pennsylvania.....	1	Rabies in animals:	
Tetanus:		South Carolina.....	31
Pennsylvania.....	6	Tetanus:	
Trachoma:		South Carolina.....	1
Indiana.....	1	Trachoma:	
Whooping cough:		South Dakota.....	2
Indiana.....	62	Undulant fever:	
Pennsylvania.....	1,832	South Carolina.....	1
		Whooping cough:	
		South Carolina.....	936
		South Dakota.....	17
		Virginia.....	711

GENERAL CURRENT SUMMARY AND WEEKLY REPORTS FROM CITIES

The 96 cities reporting cases used in the following table are situated in all parts of the country and have an estimated aggregate population of more than 31,-420,000. The estimated population of the 89 cities reporting deaths is more than 29,850,000. The estimated expectancy is based on the experience of the last nine years, excluding epidemics.

Weeks ended May 25, 1929, and May 26, 1928

	1929	1928	Estimated expectancy
<i>Cases reported</i>			
Diphtheria:			
46 States.....	1, 555	1, 410	
96 cities.....	816	776	1, 968
Measles:			
45 States.....	14, 555	17, 897	
96 cities.....	5, 457	7, 750	
Meningococcus meningitis:			
46 States.....	231	138	
96 cities.....	132	82	
Poliomyelitis:			
46 States.....	18	28	
Scarlet fever:			
46 States.....	4, 177	3, 676	
96 cities.....	1, 626	1, 379	1, 140
Smallpox:			
46 States.....	1, 060	947	
96 cities.....	63	102	87
Typhoid fever:			
46 States.....	268	292	
96 cities.....	48	49	48
<i>Deaths reported</i>			
Influenza and pneumonia:			
89 cities.....	725	1, 162	
Smallpox:			
89 cities.....	0	0	

City reports for week ended May 25, 1929

The "estimated expectancy" given for diphtheria, poliomyelitis, scarlet fever, smallpox, and typhoid fever is the result of an attempt to ascertain from previous occurrence the number of cases of the disease under consideration that may be expected to occur during a certain week in the absence of epidemics. It is based on reports to the Public Health Service during the past nine years. It is in most instances the median number of cases reported in the corresponding weeks of the preceding years. When the reports include several epidemics, or when for other reasons the median is unsatisfactory, the epidemic periods are excluded and the estimated expectancy is the mean number of cases reported for the week during non-epidemic years.

If the reports have not been received for the full nine years, data are used for as many years as possible, but no year earlier than 1920 is included. In obtaining the estimated expectancy the figures are smoothed when necessary to avoid abrupt deviation from the usual trend. For some of the diseases given in the table the available data were not sufficient to make it practicable to compute the estimated expectancy.

Division, State, and city	Population July 1, 1928, estimated	Chicken pox, cases reported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles, cases reported	Mumps, cases reported	Pneumonia, deaths reported
			Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Cases reported	Deaths reported			
NEW ENGLAND									
Maine:									
Portland.....	78, 600	2	1	0		0	23	1	1
New Hampshire:									
Concord.....	(1)	0	0	0		0	37	0	0
Nashua.....	(1)	0	0	0		0	0	0	1
Vermont:									
Barre.....	(1)	1	0	0		0	0	0	0

City reports for week ended May 25, 1929—Continued

Division, State, and city	Population July 1, 1928, estimated	Chick-en pox, cases re-ported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Meas-les, cases re-ported	Mumps, cases re-ported	Pneu-monia, deaths re-ported
			Cases, esti-mated expect-ancy	Cases re-ported	Cases re-ported	Deaths re-ported			
NEW ENGLAND—contd.									
Massachusetts:									
Boston.....	799,200	55	40	23	1	1	37	40	23
Fall River.....	134,300	2	3	2	1	1	1	0	3
Springfield.....	149,800	4	2	3	—	0	5	0	3
Worcester.....	197,600	6	3	1	—	0	29	0	3
Rhode Island:									
Pawtucket.....	73,100	5	1	0	—	0	4	0	4
Providence.....	286,300	0	6	8	—	1	73	1	7
Connecticut:									
Bridgeport.....	(¹)	4	5	1	1	0	9	1	2
Hartford.....	172,300	6	5	9	—	0	4	4	7
New Haven.....	187,900	28	1	1	—	0	19	2	1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC									
New York:									
Buffalo.....	555,800	14	12	7	—	0	90	5	18
New York.....	6,017,500	290	258	280	13	6	103	294	150
Rochester.....	328,200	5	9	3	1	2	24	15	2
Syracuse.....	199,300	52	5	0	—	0	2	22	5
New Jersey:									
Camden.....	135,400	11	6	8	—	0	6	2	3
Newark.....	473,600	77	13	53	1	0	5	82	11
Trenton.....	139,000	4	3	1	—	3	14	0	0
Pennsylvania:									
Philadelphia.....	2,064,200	161	60	21	7	5	65	26	51
Pittsburgh.....	673,800	45	17	15	—	0	88	11	26
Reading.....	115,400	11	2	2	—	0	9	1	1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL									
Ohio:									
Cincinnati.....	413,700	10	7	9	1	0	1	0	8
Cleveland.....	1,010,300	152	23	16	2	0	617	14	13
Columbus.....	299,000	17	3	1	1	1	67	0	7
Toledo.....	313,200	31	4	2	1	1	36	7	10
Indiana:									
Fort Wayne.....	105,300	6	2	0	—	0	46	0	5
Indianapolis.....	382,100	44	3	1	—	1	275	1	18
South Bend.....	86,100	1	1	0	—	0	8	0	1
Terre Haute.....	73,500	2	1	0	—	0	21	0	0
Illinois:									
Chicago.....	3,157,400	122	65	154	11	8	1,326	10	76
Springfield.....	67,200	1	0	0	—	0	15	1	0
Michigan:									
Detroit.....	1,378,900	113	43	71	5	2	204	76	27
Flint.....	148,800	27	4	0	—	0	14	0	8
Grand Rapids.....	164,200	7	2	0	—	0	45	1	5
Wisconsin:									
Kenosha.....	56,500	11	0	0	—	0	70	0	1
Milwaukee.....	544,200	127	12	7	1	1	854	33	13
Racine.....	74,400	14	1	0	—	0	17	1	3
Superior.....	(¹)	5	0	0	—	0	3	1	0
WEST NORTH CENTRAL									
Minnesota:									
Duluth.....	116,800	18	1	0	—	0	5	28	0
Minneapolis.....	455,900	59	15	6	—	4	227	49	8
St. Paul.....	(¹)	13	9	1	—	1	158	44	12
Iowa:									
Davenport.....	(¹)	1	0	0	—	—	2	0	—
Des Moines.....	151,900	1	1	0	—	—	2	0	—
Sioux City.....	80,000	19	1	1	—	—	1	1	—
Waterloo.....	37,100	7	0	0	—	—	3	21	—
Missouri:									
Kansas City.....	391,000	30	4	3	—	0	31	0	10
St. Joseph.....	78,500	0	1	2	—	0	19	0	3
St. Louis.....	848,100	14	39	36	1	—	36	12	—
North Dakota:									
Fargo.....	(¹)	—	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand Forks.....	(¹)	0	0	2	—	—	2	0	—

¹ No estimate of population made.

² Nonresident.

City reports for week ended May 25, 1929—Continued

Division, State, and city	Population, July 1, 1928, estimated	Chicken pox, cases reported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles, cases reported	Mumps, cases reported	Pneumonia, deaths reported
			Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Cases reported	Deaths reported			
WEST NORTH CENTRAL—continued									
South Dakota:									
Aberdeen.....	(1)	0	0	0	-----	-----	1	13	-----
Sioux Falls.....	(1)	0	0	0	-----	-----	0	0	-----
Nebraska:									
Omaha.....	222,800	8	2	3	-----	0	91	0	7
Kansas:									
Topeka.....	62,800	0	1	0	-----	0	4	2	0
Wichita.....	99,300	10	1	0	-----	0	157	11	1
SOUTH ATLANTIC									
Delaware:									
Wilmington.....	128,500	1	2	3	-----	0	9	1	4
Maryland:									
Baltimore.....	830,400	61	22	8	8	0	3	200	14
Cumberland.....	(1)	0	1	0	-----	0	0	0	2
Frederick.....	(1)	0	0	0	-----	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia:									
Washington.....	552,000	17	10	10	1	1	0	0	9
Virginia:									
Lynchburg.....	38,600	10	0	2	-----	0	3	93	0
Richmond.....	194,400	4	1	0	-----	1	23	7	4
Roanoke.....	64,600	6	1	0	-----	0	1	1	1
West Virginia:									
Charleston.....	55,200	2	0	1	-----	0	31	0	0
Wheeling.....	(1)	10	0	0	-----	0	45	0	2
North Carolina:									
Raleigh.....	(1)	4	0	0	-----	0	0	0	1
Wilmington.....	39,100	20	0	0	-----	0	0	0	2
Winston-Salem.....	80,000	2	1	0	-----	0	0	1	2
South Carolina:									
Charleston.....	75,900	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	2
Columbia.....	50,600	10	0	0	-----	0	1	2	1
Georgia:									
Atlanta.....	255,100	2	1	0	10	1	0	0	5
Brunswick.....	(1)	0	0	0	-----	0	0	0	0
Savannah.....	99,900	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
Florida:									
Miami.....	156,700	3	1	1	-----	0	56	1	2
Tampa.....	113,400	0	1	1	-----	0	8	1	1
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL									
Kentucky:									
Covington.....	59,000	0	0	0	-----	0	0	0	4
Tennessee:									
Memphis.....	190,200	5	0	0	-----	2	0	0	3
Nashville.....	139,600	4	0	1	-----	2	0	0	4
Alabama:									
Birmingham.....	222,400	3	0	1	3	2	1	4	3
Mobile.....	69,600	1	1	0	-----	0	1	0	0
Montgomery.....	63,100	19	0	0	-----	-----	2	0	-----
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL									
Arkansas:									
Fort Smith.....	(1)	0	0	0	-----	-----	1	1	-----
Little Rock.....	79,200	8	0	0	-----	1	1	3	2
Louisiana:									
New Orleans.....	429,400	1	6	8	2	2	9	0	5
Shreveport.....	81,300	1	0	0	-----	0	1	0	0
Texas:									
Dallas.....	217,800	10	3	1	-----	1	88	0	2
Fort Worth.....	170,600	1	1	2	-----	0	3	0	2
Galveston.....	50,600	1	0	0	-----	0	0	0	1
Houston.....	(1)	5	3	1	-----	0	13	0	3
San Antonio.....	218,100	0	1	2	-----	3	0	0	4

¹ No estimate of population made.

City reports for week ended May 25, 1929—Continued

Division, State, and city	Population, July 1, 1928, estimated	Chick- en pox, cases re- ported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Meas- les, cases re- ported	Mumps, cases re- ported	Pneu- monia deaths re- ported
			Cases, esti- mated expec- tancy	Cases re- ported	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported			
MOUNTAIN									
Montana:									
Billings.....	(1)	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Great Falls.....	(1)	7	0	0	0	0	11	17	2
Helena.....	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Missoula.....	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Idaho:									
Boise.....	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1
Colorado:									
Denver.....	294, 200	49	9	7	0	0	3	26	2
Pueblo.....	44, 200	50	1	0	0	0	4	0	3
New Mexico:									
Albuquerque.....	(1)	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Utah:									
Salt Lake City.....	138, 000	14	3	0	0	1	2	109	3
Nevada:									
Reno.....	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
PACIFIC									
Washington:									
Seattle.....	383, 200	54	4	0	0	0	11	38	0
Spokane.....	109, 100	13	2	4	0	0	156	0	0
Tacoma.....	110, 500	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon:									
Portland.....	(1)	8	6	1	0	4	87	5	5
Salem.....	(1)	1	0	0	3	0	4	6	0
California:									
Los Angeles.....	(1)	81	38	12	19	0	27	30	15
Sacramento.....	75, 700	6	3	1	1	1	5	10	4
San Francisco.....	585, 300	17	18	3	1	1	9	27	6

Division, State, and city	Scarlet fever		Smallpox			Tuber- culosis, deaths re- ported	Typhoid fever			Whoop- ing cough, cases re- ported	Deaths, all causes
	Cases, esti- mated expec- tancy	Cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expec- tancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		Cases, esti- mated expec- tancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		
NEW ENGLAND											
Maine:											
Portland.....	2	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	17
New Hampshire:											
Concord.....	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
Nashua.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Vermont:											
Barre.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
Massachusetts:											
Boston.....	61	72	0	0	0	15	2	1	0	45	209
Fall River.....	3	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	8	27
Springfield.....	6	17	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	42
Worcester.....	9	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	17	49
Rhode Island:											
Pawtucket.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	21
Providence.....	10	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	53
Connecticut:											
Bridgeport.....	10	2	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	30
Hartford.....	4	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	50
New Haven.....	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	32
MIDDLE ATLANTIC											
New York:											
Buffalo.....	22	24	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	14	141
New York.....	250	244	0	0	0	107	9	7	1	71	1, 442
Rochester.....	12	2	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	11	78
Syracuse.....	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	60
New Jersey:											
Camden.....	5	7	0	0	0	3	1	1	2	3	32
Newark.....	24	21	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	33	97
Trenton.....	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	36

1 No estimate of population made.

City reports for week ended May 25, 1929—Continued

Division, State, and city	Scarlet fever		Smallpox			Tuberculosis, deaths reported	Typhoid fever			Whooping cough, cases reported	Deaths, all causes
	Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Deaths reported		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Deaths reported		
SOUTH ATLANTIC—continued											
North Carolina:											
Raleigh.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	9
Wilmington.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	14
Winston-Salem.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	11
South Carolina:											
Charleston.....	0	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	30
Columbia.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	8	4
Georgia:											
Atlanta.....	3	0	4	0	0	3	1	0	0	10	65
Brunswick.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Savannah.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	33
Florida:											
Miami.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	22
Tampa.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	23
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Kentucky:											
Covington.....	1	4	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	20
Tennessee:											
Memphis.....	3	5	2	0	0	7	1	7	0	7	66
Nashville.....	2	10	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	40
Alabama:											
Birmingham.....	1	0	6	0	0	6	2	2	0	5	62
Mobile.....	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	20
Montgomery.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-----
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Arkansas:											
Fort Smith.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-----
Little Rock.....	1	1	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	-----
Louisiana:											
New Orleans.....	4	22	0	0	0	20	2	2	0	0	136
Shreveport.....	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	36
Texas:											
Dallas.....	2	2	1	4	0	3	1	0	0	9	45
Forth Worth.....	1	6	4	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	28
Galveston.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Houston.....	2	4	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	63
San Antonio.....	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	82
MOUNTAIN											
Montana:											
Billings.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
Great Falls.....	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Helena.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Missoula.....	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Idaho:											
Boise.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Colorado:											
Denver.....	11	6	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	20	68
Pueblo.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	12
New Mexico:											
Albuquerque.....	0	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	8
Utah:											
Salt Lake City.....	2	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	22	38
Nevada:											
Reno.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
PACIFIC											
Washington:											
Seattle.....	9	2	4	0	-----	0	0	-----	-----	58	-----
Spokane.....	4	4	5	2	-----	0	0	-----	-----	18	-----
Tacoma.....	2	-----	3	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Oregon:											
Portland.....	5	2	9	16	0	3	1	0	0	0	80
Salem.....	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-----
California:											
Los Angeles.....	25	48	7	2	0	28	1	1	0	37	245
Sacramento.....	1	25	1	3	0	2	1	2	0	7	29
San Francisco.....	16	56	1	0	0	17	1	0	0	30	163

City reports for week ended May 25, 1929—Continued

Division, State, and city	Meningococcus meningitis		Lethargic encephalitis		Pellagra		Poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis)		
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases	Deaths
NEW ENGLAND									
Massachusetts:									
Boston.....	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
Worcester.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island:									
Providence.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut:									
New Haven.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MIDDLE ATLANTIC									
New York:									
Buffalo.....	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
New York.....	20	7	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
New Jersey:									
Newark.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trenton.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania:									
Philadelphia.....	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh.....	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EAST NORTH CENTRAL									
Ohio:									
Cleveland.....	9	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Toledo.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana:									
Indianapolis.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois:									
Chicago.....	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan:									
Detroit.....	29	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Flint.....	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin:									
Milwaukee.....	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEST NORTH CENTRAL									
Minnesota:									
Minneapolis.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Missouri:									
Kansas City.....	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Joseph.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Louis.....	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska:									
Omaha.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas:									
Wichita.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOUTH ATLANTIC									
Maryland:									
Baltimore.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia:									
Richmond.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina:									
Charleston.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Georgia:									
Atlanta.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Savannah.....	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Florida: ¹									
Miami.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL									
Tennessee:									
Memphis.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Alabama:									
Birmingham.....	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Mobile.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0

¹ Typhus fever: 1 case at Tampa, Fla.

City reports for week ended May 25, 1929—Continued

Division, State, and city	Meningococcus meningitis		Lethargic encephalitis		Pellagra		Poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis)		
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases	Deaths
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL									
Arkansas:									
Little Rock.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Louisiana:									
New Orleans.....	3	1	2	2	6	2	0	0	0
Shreveport.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Texas:									
Dallas.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Fort Worth.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Antonio.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
MOUNTAIN									
Montana:									
Great Falls.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado:									
Denver.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Utah:									
Salt Lake City.....	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PACIFIC									
Washington:									
Seattle.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
California:									
Los Angeles.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Sacramento.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco.....	0	0	2	1	0	9	0	0	0

The following table gives the rates per 100,000 population for 98 cities for the 5-week period ended May 25, 1929, compared with those for a like period ended May 26, 1928. The population figures used in computing the rates are approximate estimates, authoritative figures for many of the cities not being available. The 98 cities reporting cases have estimated aggregate populations of more than 31,000,000. The 91 cities reporting deaths have nearly 30,000,000 estimated population. The number of cities included in each group and the estimated aggregate populations are shown in a separate table below.

Summary of weekly reports from cities, April 21 to May 25, 1929—Annual rates per 100,000 population, compared with rates for the corresponding period of 1928¹

DIPHTHERIA CASE RATES

	Week ended—									
	Apr. 27, 1929	Apr. 28, 1928	May 4, 1929	May 5, 1928	May 11, 1929	May 12, 1928	May 18, 1929	May 19, 1928	May 25, 1929	May 26, 1928
98 cities.....	136	130	136	125	139	123	¹ 124	139	¹ 135	131
New England.....	111	133	81	133	118	113	95	110	109	64
Middle Atlantic.....	194	172	190	171	206	178	159	205	188	213
East North Central.....	143	131	159	107	145	109	143	114	165	302
West North Central.....	85	84	77	78	104	55	¹ 124	96	¹ 101	72
South Atlantic.....	58	94	69	96	64	90	62	111	49	117
East South Central.....	54	56	20	35	27	42	27	21	14	42
West South Central.....	130	101	103	81	91	93	115	65	47	28
Mountain.....	78	133	61	80	52	71	26	97	61	71
Pacific.....	60	86	75	125	40	102	57	120	¹ 53	92

¹ The figures given in this table are rates per 100,000 population, annual basis, and not the number of cases reported. Populations used are estimated as of July 1, 1929 and 1928, respectively.

² Fargo, N. Dak., not included.

³ Fargo, N. Dak., and Tacoma, Wash., not included.

⁴ Tacoma, Wash., not included.

Summary of weekly reports from cities, April 21 to May 25, 1929—Annual rates per 100,000 population, compared with rates for the corresponding period of 1928—Continued

MEASLES CASE RATES

	Week ended—									
	Apr. 27, 1929	Apr. 28, 1928	May 4, 1929	May 5, 1928	May 11, 1929	May 12, 1928	May 18, 1929	May 19, 1928	May 25, 1929	May 26, 1928
98 cities.....	842	1,284	931	1,421	897	1,379	³ 889	1,351	³ 905	1,309
New England.....	566	1,593	500	1,322	484	1,120	434	1,159	556	1,290
Middle Atlantic.....	153	1,868	165	2,273	186	2,261	196	2,281	194	2,192
East North Central.....	1,962	727	2,319	793	2,191	787	2,135	680	2,283	772
West North Central.....	1,711	1,021	1,775	892	1,548	941	¹ 714	1,121	¹ 423	923
South Atlantic.....	536	1,810	435	2,235	521	1,781	474	1,536	242	1,320
East South Central.....	20	1,297	129	610	41	814	68	968	27	743
West South Central.....	289	401	356	397	379	340	344	272	447	263
Mountain.....	366	842	444	753	296	1,143	183	1,152	313	833
Pacific.....	389	386	297	266	436	328	439	264	⁴ 549	304

SCARLET FEVER CASE RATES

98 cities.....	296	267	300	255	291	254	² 291	253	² 270	233
New England.....	294	329	290	345	262	347	249	292	283	306
Middle Atlantic.....	246	313	245	303	209	285	219	279	196	268
East North Central.....	451	281	467	254	453	265	472	272	448	254
West North Central.....	281	276	261	219	277	243	² 284	280	² 210	207
South Atlantic.....	97	222	114	186	244	172	210	207	159	176
East South Central.....	109	161	224	147	129	126	102	77	136	84
West South Central.....	225	109	285	150	320	186	186	219	123	207
Mountain.....	122	204	78	275	62	115	104	133	113	18
Pacific.....	407	110	357	154	292	205	307	143	⁴ 356	130

SMALLPOX CASE RATES

98 cities.....	13	25	12	14	11	18	¹ 11	24	¹ 10	17
New England.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	9
Middle Atlantic.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East North Central.....	17	28	15	15	17	20	14	22	20	16
West North Central.....	13	68	13	31	27	43	¹ 16	65	¹ 16	27
South Atlantic.....	2	33	0	15	0	17	2	33	4	29
East South Central.....	0	98	20	14	27	63	14	42	27	63
West South Central.....	24	28	43	36	8	8	51	61	16	24
Mountain.....	26	151	122	106	26	159	148	159	35	133
Pacific.....	82	43	40	31	40	36	15	54	⁴ 18	38

TYPHOID FEVER CASE RATES

98 cities.....	8	4	8	6	11	8	¹ 9	6	¹ 8	8
New England.....	5	5	7	2	11	5	9	7	7	11
Middle Atlantic.....	4	3	5	4	3	2	6	4	5	6
East North Central.....	4	2	3	3	6	3	3	2	3	5
West North Central.....	12	6	10	2	31	8	¹ 6	2	¹ 8	4
South Atlantic.....	17	6	11	15	15	21	17	6	15	6
East South Central.....	20	7	27	0	27	28	0	28	75	14
West South Central.....	36	24	32	28	55	16	67	4	12	12
Mountain.....	0	0	9	0	0	18	0	0	17	0
Pacific.....	7	0	10	15	7	31	7	23	⁴ 8	36

² Fargo, N. Dak., not included.

³ Fargo, N. Dak., and Tacoma, Wash., not included.

⁴ Tacoma, Wash., not included.

Summary of weekly reports from cities, April 21 to May 25, 1929—Annual rates per 100,000 population, compared with rates for the corresponding period of 1928—Continued

INFLUENZA DEATH RATES

	Week ended—									
	Apr. 27, 1929	Apr. 28, 1928	May 4, 1929	May 5, 1928	May 11, 1929	May 12, 1928	May 18, 1929	May 19, 1928	May 25, 1929	May 26, 1928
91 cities.....	13	33	8	33	10	34	* 8	30	* 10	26
New England.....	7	14	2	21	2	16	2	41	7	18
Middle Atlantic.....	12	34	6	28	8	31	8	28	8	21
East North Central.....	6	35	5	34	7	42	7	36	8	33
West North Central.....	12	46	18	80	3	64	* 0	28	* 15	18
South Atlantic.....	13	33	11	23	17	10	7	17	6	11
East South Central.....	30	54	30	115	37	107	30	84	44	180
West South Central.....	45	37	8	25	38	37	4	17	28	33
Mountain.....	22	44	17	35	28	37	17	37	9	53
Pacific.....	13	17	16	7	13	17	23	10	17	7

PNEUMONIA DEATH RATES

91 cities.....	118	204	124	213	110	219	* 106	196	* 117	181
New England.....	145	138	106	189	90	258	88	207	122	253
Middle Atlantic.....	130	246	136	265	123	368	114	219	159	219
East North Central.....	99	214	125	311	101	333	115	222	118	174
West North Central.....	111	135	126	193	105	181	* 73	122	* 125	126
South Atlantic.....	127	179	109	189	109	96	120	155	94	119
East South Central.....	96	322	179	230	148	245	89	261	104	353
West South Central.....	93	191	93	92	97	166	114	125	69	144
Mountain.....	87	104	145	159	87	133	113	97	139	124
Pacific.....	125	125	75	74	98	99	49	104	* 88	91

- * Fargo, N. Dak., not included.
- * Fargo, N. Dak., and Tacoma, Wash., not included.
- * Tacoma, Wash., not included.

Number of cities included in summary of weekly reports and aggregate population of cities of each group, approximated as of July 1, 1929 and 1928, respectively

Group of cities	Number of cities reporting cases	Number of cities reporting deaths	Aggregate population of cities reporting cases		Aggregate population of cities reporting deaths	
			1929	1928	1929	1928
Total.....	98	91	31,568,400	31,052,700	29,995,100	29,498,600
New England.....	12	12	2,305,100	2,273,900	2,305,100	2,273,900
Middle Atlantic.....	10	10	10,809,700	10,702,300	10,809,700	10,702,300
East North Central.....	16	16	8,181,900	8,001,300	8,181,900	8,001,300
West North Central.....	12	9	2,712,100	2,673,300	1,736,900	1,708,100
South Atlantic.....	19	19	2,785,200	2,732,900	2,785,200	2,732,900
East South Central.....	6	5	767,900	745,500	704,200	682,400
West South Central.....	8	7	1,319,100	1,289,900	1,285,000	1,266,400
Mountain.....	9	9	598,800	590,200	598,800	590,200
Pacific.....	6	4	2,090,600	2,043,500	1,590,300	1,551,200

FOREIGN AND INSULAR

CANADA

Provinces—Communicable diseases—Two weeks ended May 25, 1929.—During the two weeks ended May 25, 1929, cases of certain communicable diseases were reported from eight Provinces of Canada as follows:

WEEK ENDED MAY 18

Disease	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Total
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....				5			2		7
Influenza.....	8		54						64
Smallpox.....			3	30	2	7		6	48
Typhoid fever.....			19	6	1		1		28

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Cerebrospinal meningitis.....				1				3	4
Influenza.....			2	11					13
Smallpox.....			3	7		5		7	22
Typhoid fever.....		4	10	11		1	3		29

Quebec Province—Vital statistics—February, 1929.—Births, deaths, and marriages for the month of February, 1929, with deaths from certain diseases for the same month, are shown in the following table:

<i>February, 1929</i>	<i>February, 1929—Continued</i>
Estimated population.....	2,691,000
Births.....	5,768
Birth rate per 1,000 population.....	27.9
Deaths.....	2,935
Death rate per 1,000 population.....	14.2
Infant mortality rate.....	133.1
Marriages.....	829
Deaths from:	
Cancer.....	156
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	14
Diabetes.....	18
Diarrhea.....	90
Heart disease.....	278
Deaths from—Continued.	
Influenza.....	326
Lethargic encephalitis.....	1
Measles.....	5
Pneumonia.....	288
Poliomyelitis.....	1
Scarlet fever.....	14
Syphilis.....	6
Tuberculosis (pulmonary).....	195
Tuberculosis (all other forms).....	44
Typhoid fever.....	10
Violence.....	45
Whooping cough.....	10

Quebec Province—Communicable diseases—Week ended May 25, 1929.—The Bureau of Health of the Province of Quebec reports cases

of certain communicable diseases for the week ended May 25, 1929, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Disease	Cases
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	2	Mumps.....	29
Chicken pox.....	52	Scarlet fever.....	117
Diphtheria.....	42	Smallpox.....	3
German measles.....	12	Tuberculosis.....	35
Influenza.....	2	Typhoid fever.....	10
Measles.....	121	Whooping cough.....	18

GREAT BRITAIN

England and Wales—Vital statistics—January–March, 1929.—During the first quarter of the year 1929, 160,181 births and 204,293 deaths were registered in England and Wales, giving a birth rate, on an annual basis, of 16.5 per 1,000 population and a death rate of 21 per 1,000. The rates are provisional.

During the 13 weeks ended March 30, 1929, deaths from certain communicable diseases were reported in 107 county boroughs and great towns, including greater London, as follows:

Disease	Deaths	Deaths per 1,000 population	Disease	Deaths	Deaths per 1,000 population
Diarrhea and enteritis (under 2 years).....	718		Scarlet fever.....	139	0.03
Diphtheria.....	632	0.13	Smallpox.....	3	
Influenza.....	12,711	2.59	Typhoid fever.....	28	
Measles.....	869	.18	Whooping cough.....	2,274	.46

Estimated population, excluding noncivilians, 19,647,730.

Deaths from certain communicable diseases were reported in 156 smaller towns for the quarter ended March 31, 1929, as follows:

Disease	Deaths	Disease	Deaths
Diarrhea and enteritis (under 2 years).....	107	Scarlet fever.....	17
Diphtheria.....	128	Smallpox.....	2
Influenza.....	2,281	Typhoid fever.....	8
Measles.....	84	Whooping cough.....	417

England and Wales—Communicable diseases—Thirteen weeks ended March 30, 1929.—During the 13 weeks ended March 30, 1929, cases of certain communicable diseases were reported in England and Wales as follows:

Disease	Cases	Disease	Cases
Diphtheria.....	15,900	Puerperal pyrexia.....	1,628
Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	1,295	Scarlet fever.....	29,002
Pneumonia.....	46,411	Smallpox ¹	3,283
Puerperal fever.....	569	Typhoid fever.....	380

¹ During the first quarter of the year 1929, 8 deaths from smallpox were reported in England and Wales.

ITALY

Communicable diseases—Four weeks ended March 10, 1929.—During the four weeks ended March 10, 1929, communicable diseases were reported in the Kingdom of Italy as follows:

Disease	Feb. 11-17		Feb. 18-24		Feb. 25-Mar. 3		Mar. 4-10	
	Cases	Com- munes affected	Cases	Com- munes affected	Cases	Com- munes affected	Cases	Com- munes affected
Anthrax.....	24	20	6	5	26	13	15	12
Cerebrospinal menin- gitis.....	10	7	10	9	14	13	35	10
Chicken pox.....	162	54	153	60	174	82	161	57
Diphtheria.....	349	197	445	255	378	233	404	206
Dysentery.....			1	1	2	2	2	3
Lethargic encephali- tis.....	4	4	3	3	3	3	6	6
Measles.....	1,571	216	1,595	204	997	228	1,476	188
Poliomyelitis.....	1	1	3	3	27	12	6	6
Rabies.....							1	1
Scarlet fever.....	219	91	283	103	246	108	217	84
Typhoid fever.....	132	80	134	77	143	93	117	71

CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER

From medical officers of the Public Health Service, American consuls, health-section of the League of Nations, and other sources. The reports contained in the following table must not be considered as complete or final as regards either the list of countries included or the figures for the particular countries for which reports are given.

CHOLERA

[O indicates cases; D, deaths; P, present]

Place	Nov. 18-1928	Dec. 16-1928- Jan. 12, 1929	Jan. 13- Feb. 9, 1929	Week ended—													
				February, 1929			March, 1929				April, 1929				May, 1929		
				16	23	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18
Ceylon.....		7															
Colombo.....		4			2	2											
China: Canton.....		3															
India.....	23,528	17,038	12,566	2,163	1,881	1,765	1,787	1,905	2,130	2,036							
Bassain.....	14,850	10,507	7,912	1,280	1,092	1,007	1,046	1,993	1,165	1,136							
Bombay.....			6	2	1	1	2	1	3	12	29	26	47	23	23		
Calcutta.....		103	120	43	56	72	90	103	155	154	135	164	184				
Madras.....		155	61	30	31	40	43	66	83	79	89	90	97	109	189		
Madras Presidency.....		102	16	4	2	3	3										
Moulmein.....		42	17	5	1												
Negapatam.....		1															
Rangoon.....		1	6	18	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	1		
Tuticorin.....		5	6	15	1	4	3	3	6	6	6	1	5	1			
India (French): Chandernagor.....		3	115	85	5	4	1	2	0	28	1	4	2	2	2		
Karikal.....		2	61	62	2	2											
Pondicherry Province.....	25	4															
	10	54	150	28	10	23	22	14	6	1	1	1	1	2			
	7	4	28	8	21	12	12	12	3	3							
	37	92	139	29	18	20	10	30	12	4							
	30	55	104	24	18	24	8	24	10	4							

Place	No- vem- ber, 1928	De- cem- ber, 1928	Janu- ary, 1929	Feb- ru- ary, 1929	March, 1929	April, 1929	Place	No- vem- ber, 1928	De- cem- ber, 1928	Janu- ary, 1929	Feb- ru- ary, 1929	March, 1929	April, 1929
British East Africa (see also table above):	C	16	15	7	4	10	Madagascar—Continued.	C	159	158	208	146	
Kenya.....	D	8	7	12	54	121	Tananarive Province.....	D	141	144	192	136	
Uganda.....	D	21	20	12	22	118	Peru.....	D	18	26	37		
Ecuador: Guayaquil.....	D	29	75	29	27	4	Senegal:	D	0	6	9		
Plague-infested rats.....	D	1	2	3	1	14	Baol.....	C	18	4		6	1
Greece (see also table above)	C	1	1	1	1		Cayor.....	D	6	2		8	1
Indo-China (see also table above)	C	282	282	233	348	3	Dakar.....	D	14	10			
Madagascar (see also table above)	C	263	263	224	335	194	Louga.....	D	5	5			
Ambositra Province.....	D	14	79	169	164		Darfur.....	D	2				
Antsirabe Province.....	D	14	74	159	164		Louga.....	D	1				
Itasy Province.....	D	6	4	15	21		Rufisque.....	D	8				
Moramanga Province.....	D	6	4	15	21		Tlles.....	D	4		8	4	20
Tamatave.....	D	6	11	3	10		Tiyaouane.....	D	11		7	3	20
	D	32	28	22	7		Syria: Beirut.....	D			12	2	
	D	32	27	21	4			D					
	D	2	2	4	4			D					
	D	2	2	4	4			D					

¹ Reports incomplete.

Negapatam.....	C	33	8	26	5	4	3	3	1	1	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	3
Rangoon.....	D	5	1	6	4	3	2	4	1	1	1	3	2	1	4	4	4	4
Tuticorin.....	D	1	1	8	17	3	2	4	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Visagapatam.....	C	1	1	1	6	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
India (French):	D	2	2	2	1	1	8	3	15	4	9	9	4	11	4	4	4	4
Karikal.....	D	8	8	8	52	9	2	2	2	1	1	1	4	4	3	3	3	3
Pondicherry Province.....	C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Indo-China (see also table below):	D	48	75	59	79	6	21	23	20	21	11	11	12	16	16	16	16	16
Phnompenh.....	D	46	62	51	61	6	17	18	19	19	8	8	11	13	13	13	13	13
Saigon.....	C	44	38	77	62	13	19	27	9	9	9	9	10	9	3	6	8	8
Siem Reap.....	D	20	21	42	36	5	10	14	4	4	4	5	13	4	2	4	4	4
Vientiane.....	D	12	12	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Luang Prabang.....	D	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Iraq:	C	46	20	17	7	2	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Baghdad.....	D	45	29	3	5	5	1	1	1	6	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	2
Basra.....	C	35	11	18	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Diyalah Liwa.....	D	28	7	10	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hillah Liwa.....	D	54	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Kirkuk Liwa.....	D	14	14	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Mossoul.....	D	173	86	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Sinjar.....	D	38	17	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Tikrit.....	D	284	55	30	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
Samarra.....	D	110	39	17	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Mosul.....	D	53	61	53	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61
Sulaymaniyah.....	D	5	5	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Italy:	C	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Palermo.....	C	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Rome and vicinity.....	C	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Turin.....	C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ivory Coast (see table below).	C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jamaica (outside Kingston) (alastrim)	C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Japan:	C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kobe.....	C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nagasaki.....	C	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Osaka.....	D	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Shimane Province.....	C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Macao.....	D	9	9	24	75	6	3	16	9	9	9	9	6	3	2	2	2	2
Mexico:	C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Acapulco.....	C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Aguascalientes.....	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chiapas Province.....	D	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Chihuahua.....	C	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Chihuahua (State).....	D	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Jalisco (State); Guadalaajara.....	D	1	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

Place	No- vem- ber, 1928	De- cem- ber, 1928	Janu- ary, 1929	February, 1929			March, 1929			April, 1929			May 1-10, 1929
				1-10	11-20	21-28	1-10	11-20	21-31	1-10	11-20	21-30	
Union of South Africa:													
Cape Province.....													
Natal.....													
Transvaal.....													
Upper Volta.....													
On vessels:													
S. S. Assyria, at Suez, from Bombay.....													
S. S. City of Venice, at Suez, from Calcutta.....													
S. S. Le Panto, at Suez, Egypt.....													
S. S. Loper-Lopez, at Suez.....													
S. S. Malwa, at Suez.....													
S. S. Miancar, at Suez, from Calcutta.....													
Tantalus (motor ship), at Amsterdam.....													
S. S. Tuscania, at Glasgow, from Bombay.....													

Place	No- vem- ber, 1928	De- cem- ber, 1928	Janu- ary, 1929	February, 1929			March, 1929			April, 1929			May 1-10, 1929
				1-10	11-20	21-28	1-10	11-20	21-31	1-10	11-20	21-30	
Indo-China (see also table above).....	144	243	311	128	236		200	361	500			155	
Ivory Coast.....				80			17	4	50			7	
Senegal.....				8			1	7	16			64	2
Sudan (French).....		2		8			28		10				
Syria: Beirut.....	2	1	1	21	24	3	10	2	2	16			4

Place	No- vem- ber, 1928	De- cem- ber, 1928	Janu- ary, 1929	Feb- ru- ary, 1929	March, 1929	April, 1929	Place	No- vem- ber, 1928	De- cem- ber, 1928	Janu- ary, 1929	Feb- ru- ary, 1929	March, 1929	April, 1929
Brazil: Porto Alegre.....	3						Greece.....	6	6	8	5	2	4
British East Africa (see also table above):							Morocco.....			1	1		
Kenya.....	37	31			23	1	Morocco.....	2		7	11	8	12
Chosen.....	6	13					Persia.....		119	68	23	8	
Ecuador: Guayaquil.....	1	1			2		Turkey.....			16	7		1

CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER—Continued
YELLOW FEVER

[C indicates cases; D, deaths; F, present]

Place	Nov. 18-15, 1928	Dec. 16, 1928- Jan. 12, 1929	Jan. 13- Feb. 9, 1929	Feb. 10- Mar. 9, 1929	Week ended—													
					March, 1929			April, 1929			May, 1929			June 1, 1929				
					16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25			
Belgian Congo: Tumba.....																		
Brazil:																		
Bahia.....		2																
Guaratingueta.....		1																
Para.....		2																
Pernambuco.....		2																
Rio de Janeiro 1.....	2	2	16	92		66	59	61	66	57	51	39	33	24	22	17	7	
Sao Paulo.....		2	17	67		32	30	38	32	34	23	20	17	18	11	6	3	
Dahomey: Ouidah Military Camp.....			1															
Gambia: Bathurst.....	3																	
Liberia: Monrovia.....	2																	
On vessel:			3	7		1	3	3	3	2								
S. S. Victoria, at Manaos, from Para, Brazil.....		1	2	4		1		2	1									

1 29 cases of yellow fever with 14 deaths were reported at Rio de Janeiro during January, 1929, mostly suburban.
 † Imported.
 ‡ Suspected cases.

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